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Honorable Bud Shuster
U.S. House of Representatives
2188 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Shuster:

This is in reply to your letter of February 12, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Law

for Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau

Enclosures

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.
Washington, D.C.

February 12, 1993

Charlie Schott
Office of Congressional and Public Affairs
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Enclosed please find four letters from my constituents protesting the narrowing of radio band widths.

The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

Very Truly yours,

BUD SHUSTER
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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January 29, 1993

The Honorable Bud Shuster
U. S. House of Reps.
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Honorable Shuster:

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

William R. McKee
426 OLD PARK ROAD
CEWISTOWN, PA
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February 8, 1993

The Honorable Bud Shuster
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

I am writing you to express my
opposition to PR Docket 92-235.

I am retired and derive many hours
of pleasure from building and operating radio
control models.

I am active in our local club, the
TRI-COUNTY SKY BARONS, Club No 998.

I have approximately \$1,000.00 invested
in radio equipment alone, not to include
the models, fuel and accessories. Some of
the models in our club have wing lengths
of 9 feet.

Since the proposed frequencies in PR Docket
9-235 are so close, interference will occur
and render most models frequencies
unusable, if for no other reason ^{just} from a
safety stand point.

Lila P. Williams

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MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059

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Mr Shuster,

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Back in "89", A.M.A. sent a letter out to our club's telling us about "1991" narrowband plan.

F.C.C. gave us the 50 frequencies, but we had to go narrowband, This means we either throw away the widebands and buy new narrowband radios which run as high as (\$400⁰⁰) hundred dollars or sent the old radios back to the manufacturer to narrowband the radios which can run up to over a hundred dollars.

Some of the club's members said that the F.C.C. took 6 years to come up with this plan to make this plan be safe for everybody, Now they are going to take away the margin of safety

A little something about our airplanes
first - they can cost over a thousands dollars depending on the plane.

second - they can travel at speeds over hundreds miles per hours.

third - Flying these planes can give great fulfillment but when you lose radio contact with it the plane will do whatever it wants, This is when the safety factor is in jeopardy and bodily injury or death can occur.

Please help us stop this from happening

Thank you

John Smith

Robert T. McCaa, President
Lewistown Area Radio Control Society
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3 Feb, 1993

The Honorable Bud Schuster
United States House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Schuster;

I am writing to you concerning the Federal Communications Commission Docket NPRM 92-235, a proposed restructuring of the frequencies allocated to the Land Mobile Radio Service. That portion of the radio spectrum with which I am concerned is the 72mhz and the 75mhz band, presently allocated for the use of Radio Controlled Model Aircraft and Cars.

My son and I derive much education and enjoyment from the building and flying of Radio Controlled Model Aircraft. In addition I am the President of the Lewistown Area Radio Control Society, an Aeromodeling club affiliated with the Academy of Model Aeronautics, an International Organization. Our members build and fly model aircraft of every description.

Needless to say, safety is of highest priority when operating aircraft of any size. A significant part of this safety is dependent on reliable radio equipment and reasonably clear channels. I personally own ten units of equipment, within the club are probably a hundred. In addition to the original acquisition cost, our members have just completed a costly but necessary equipment upgrade to permit safe operation in the presently structured spectrum of 10 khz channel spacing.

The Federal Communications Commission now proposes to restructure the spectrum to permit Land Mobile Radio operation within 2.5khz of existing radio control channels. To permit this to occur would severely compromise the safety of model operators and spectators, and is certainly not within the best interests of the aeromodeling community. Such action might well render present equipment unusable.

I respectfully request that you use your influence to see that the 72 mhz and 75 mhz portion of the spectrum be left as is.

Sincerely: